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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM INFORMATION TO BE USED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF A NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHEDS REGIONAL PLAN
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCD) for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to contribute \$5,000 for gathering National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit information for a North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds regional plan.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The 2001 NPDES Permit designates the Los Angeles County Flood Control District as the principal permittee and requires all co-permittees to develop a stormwater quality management plan, which can be tailored for each of the watershed management areas throughout the County of Los Angeles. The North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds (NSMBW) is designated as the "Malibu Creek Watershed Management Area" in the NPDES Permit. The NSMBW includes the Malibu Creek, Topanga Creek, and other rural watersheds as well as the permittee cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, and Westlake Village. The permittee cities and the District will work together to develop a

regional plan for the NSMBW. The regional plan will be a regulatory-based compliance plan to address municipal stormwater and urban runoff for TMDLs, NPDES, and Assembly Bill 885 requirements.

Your approval of this item will allow the District to contribute \$5,000 towards this project to the RCD. The RCD has expert staff with specialized knowledge of the NSMBW that will gather data from all permittees of the NSMBW for the NPDES portion of the regional plan. The City of Agoura Hills will contribute \$10,000, and the California Department of Conservation will provide \$57,000 under a CALFED grant. All of the permittee cities mentioned above have agreed to contribute in-kind services for the development of the plan.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Awarding this contract will meet the County Strategic Plan Goal to ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective, and goal oriented by collaborating between County agencies and other agencies to integrate watershed management activities that affect the watershed's natural resources and water quality.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Financing for the Agreement is available from the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Flood Control District fund.

The Agreement is for \$5,000. Work for additional funding will not be performed without approval from your Board.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Cooperative Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current County services or projects due to this cooperative agreement.

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CONCLUSION

Please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel